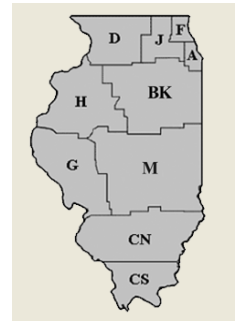




**AURORA CARILLON LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER
JUNE/JULY 2025**

MEETING-2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

*United in fellowship with friends, family, and neighbors
to serve the community wherever needs exist and support the
national and global endeavors of Lions Club International*



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SERVICE PROJECTS

SPRING PARK CLEAN UP NETS 1486 POUNDS

The Fox River, Memorial Island Park, and Waubonsie Lake Park clean up drives collected nearly 1500 pounds of garbage. ACLC (6) volunteers were assisted by Rush-Copley, Aurora Lions, and the Girl Scouts. Great work by all!. The drive was coordinated by Fox Valley Park District & Kiwanis with 133 volunteers participating.

Donna Smith/Phil Pogue, Chairs

Pictured Lt: Phil Pogue, Tom & Theresa Solan, Marcia McCallum, Donna Smith and Dennis O'Neill



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN - MAY



This packing had a great community participation level.

5 Lions - Marcia McCallum, Phil Pogue, Rich Huizinga, Anne & Bruce Metzdorf

9 Community- Leona Oostman, Jenny & Joe Clemens, Judy & Ed Avena, Judy Cicero, Maryanne Kolb, Nancy Huizinga, Valerie Clanton

Bruce/Anne Metzdorf, Chairs

Note: "FMSC had a recent packing day at Target Field (Minneapolis) with 3,100 volunteers. They packed 881,928 meals for children around the world."

RETINA-HEARING MOBILE UNIT SCREENING POSTPONED DUE TO PARTS 1951

The Lions of Illinois Foundation Retina-Hearing Mobile Unit was scheduled to visit Carillon for the 2nd time. A full schedule of screenings for hearing, vision, or both had been filled. **When the mobile unit is repaired, a new date can be scheduled. Sue Graunke, Chair**

MEMORIAL DAY PROJECTS - FLAGS & WREATH



L/R Carol Pogue, Lou Scanlon, Bruce Metzdorf, Dennis O'Neill, Phil Pogue, Ann Lunsford & Anne Metzdorf

Flags Over Carillon will fly from Memorial Day, May 26, to July 4. This includes Flag Day, June 14. The Veterans Memorial Island Park Wreath Laying Ceremony honoring those who gave their lives for this country was held on May 22. **Anne Metzdorf & Ann Lunsford, Flag Chairs, & Lou Scanlon, Wreath**



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WILL BE AUGUST 5TH



ACLC will be hosting **National Night Out** on **Tuesday, August 5th**. It will be held by the **South Gazebo**. More details on the activities will be presented at the June/July ACLC meetings. In the past representatives from the Aurora Fire Department, Police, EMTs, Financial Office, and local officials have participated. June Chapek began promotion of this long time event. *(pictures from 2023 & 2024)*



ONGOING - 4 SERVICE PROJECTS TO SUPPORT

-Bookmobile Fridays 2:30-3:15PM **Barbara Javaras Chair**

-Eyeglass, ink cartridges, hearing aids/batteries, cell phones, and pop tabs- **Barbara Javaras, Chair** (2nd collection totals thus far 313 eyeglasses, 90 ink cartridges, 9 iPhones, 1 hearing aid, & 25 sneakers)

-Reusable & plastic grocery bags for Interfaith Food Pantry - **Elaine Dugan Chair**

-Medication Take Back (Walgreens, Lake St.) - **Phil Pogue Chair** (can bring to regular meeting)

CLUB NEWS

KANE COUNTY RECYCLING LOCATIONS & TIPS - Shirley Zemansky contact

Electronics **994 N. Lake St., Aurora**, 9-noon (1st Saturdays)
Recycling Styrofoam M-F **310 N. Evergreen, North Aurora**
Electronics **517 E. Fabyan Parkway, Batavia (8-4, M-F)**
Hazardous Household Material **156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville** (9am-2pm Sat./Sun).
Battery collection locations are at Lowes, Home Depot, and Staples
Shred dates- **Sept. 27-Kane County 540 S. Randall Rd, St. Charles** (9am-noon)
Special Recycling (**Rt 59 Train Station, Aurora side**) - **Sept. 6** (Ends at Noon)

TREASURER REPORT-APRIL, BUDGET FY 2026, NEW MEMBERS



\$549 Activity (service) \$2,535 Administration. Dues covering the period from **July-Dec. 2025** will be **payable July 1**. This fiscal year ACLC has added **NINE new members**. A Budget was reviewed by membership in May for later Club approval. The ACLC Board also added a Member-At-Large membership, per our ACLC Constitution, & contributed \$200 to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson Foundation in memory of **Mary Tevogt. Mary Kay Likovich, Treas.**

SPECTRIOS PROGRAM AT MAY MEETING

Dr. Tracy Williams from SPECTRIOS INSTITUTE (beneficiary of the Super Bowl Fund Raiser) & a 40+ year Lion Member covered the role of the Low Vision Clinic and a variety of eye issues. He discussed his training experiences, including those in New York and his association with the Wheaton Eye Clinic.

The Low Vision Clinic has provided services to 25,000 participants. Spectrios Institute began in 1986 and is designed to see 5 patients daily for one hour. Other items discussed included cataract surgery, retinal detachment, macular degeneration, optic nerve damage, corneas, and glasses incorporating artificial intelligence. Dr. Williams is also on the staff at Loyola and has been a team doctor for the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bulls.



COUGARS BASEBALL GAMES SET FOR JUNE 12 & AUGUST 14

Currently **8 are planning on attending on June 12, and 21 will be going August 14.** 29 members from Aurora Evening Lions will join ACLC on August 14. We can still add tickets for either game at the group rate of \$25. Grandkids, friends, family members and prospective new members are welcome to attend. For those who wish to sit higher the cost is \$23. The Kane County Cougars were the champions of the American Association last year. **Payment for the games would be to Aurora Carillon Lions Club.** Make checks payable to "ACLC" **Carol & Phil Pogue Chairs.**



CLUB EVALUATION FOR 2024-25

The ACLC Board received 36 survey evaluations. The evaluation showed strong support for the current service projects. The majority favored having 2-3 programs per year at the meetings and 2 tour opportunities. On the issue of a Club meeting at a restaurant, 21 were in favor and 15 were opposed. Members reported the usefulness of the ACLC website, the ACLC Newsletter, the Lion Page in the Carillon Newsletter, the new member packet, and the visits by our District Governor and Zone Chair. The ACLC Board and the Membership Committee will review the results in upcoming meetings.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR

The ACLC Membership Committee: Polly E. provided MINUTE FOR MEMBERSHIP at the May meeting. Committee members - Phil Pogue, Polly Elifson, Anne Metzdorf, Donna Smith, and Marla Waddington.

UPCOMING DATES

June 3-ACLC Board meeting 1:30pm

June 10-ACLC Regular meeting 1:30pm

June 12 & August 14-ACLC Kane County Cougars games 6:30pm

June 18-Feed My Starving Children 2pm

July 1-ACLC Board Meeting 1:30pm

July 8-ACLC Regular meeting 1:30pm

July 14-17-International Convention Orlando

July 16-Feed My Starving Children 2pm

July 17 - Club Lions Fishing Derby Lake Shabbona (for adults and children with disabilities)

August 5-ACLC Board meeting 1:30pm/National Night Out TBA

August 12-ACLC Regular Meeting 1:30pm

August 20-Feed My Starving Children 2pm

DISTRICT 1J NEWS-STATE CONVENTION



The State convention had **215 attendees representing the 10 Districts**. The keynote speaker was Past International President Gudrun Yngvadottir. This was her second time at the Illinois Lions Convention. Other speakers included the DEAF NINJA Kyle Schulze. Born deaf, Kyle is now a Mechatronics Engineer and provides training at the Summer Illinois Lions Camps. A third speaker was Brian Bussard, who lost his sight suddenly in 2016. He enrolled in the Colorado Center for the Blind graduating in Oct. 2018. Brian is now Lions President for the Baugo Township Lions (Indiana). A seminar was presented by Ron Reibschelger (Rockford, MI) on Mission Possible by reaching 1.5 million Lions Members by using lionsvirtual.org. Next year the



State Convention will be in Bloomington, Illinois Lion Districts 1A and 1BK are among the US leaders in membership growth. Both border District 1J.

POTPOURRI- (auroracarillonions.org-website & MYLION (website)

PP in April generated \$5 which will go to a future LCIF Disaster Relief Drive. The missed questions included: 131,580 regarding the number of new Lions, 1,296 regarding the number of new Lions Clubs during the first 6 months, 429 regarding the number of Lions Clubs in Illinois, and the location of the special recycling drive (RT 59 Train Station). There was no PP in May. Attendance prizes were won by Sandy V, Ann L, Karen M, & Sue G. These came from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Chicago Cubs, and Jewel.

FIND THE YEAR (answer found in the newsletter)

Academy Awards Best Picture (**All About Eve**) Best Actor (**Jose Ferrer**) Best Actress (**Judy Holliday**) Songs (**Too Young/Come on-a My House/How High the Moon/Tennessee Waltz**) Top TV Shows (**Arthur Godfrey**



Talent Show/Texaco Star Theatre, I Love Lucy/Mama) Major Events (**22nd Amendment ratified/Chinese troops enter North Korea/1st Nuclear Powered Submarine**) Sport winners (**Rochester**

Royals/Maple Leafs/Rams/Yankees)



FINDING LIONS SIGNS (Dixon)

This month Lions Sign comes from **Dixon (IL)** as a welcome sign. Dixon has a **Noon Club (charted 1940)**, an **Evening Club**, and a **Lioness Club**. The Lions are active in **Petunia Day** events.

QUOTES

“Horticulturally, the month of May is Opening Night, Homecoming & Graduation Day, all rolled into one.” Tam Massmao

“The month of May is the Gateway to Summer.” Jean Hersey

“Real Strength has to do with helping others.” Fred Rogers

JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS

**Ann L, Kathi K, Scott G, Lou S, Joy T, Donna S, Diane D, Dennis M,
& Dave M.**

